

A

NEW YEAR's GIFT

For the R—t H——e,
The E— of B—;

In a LETTER

F R O M

R—d F—n, B—f—r,
To his L——p.

*Aude aliquid brevibus Gyaris & Carcere dignum,
Si vis esse aliquis: Probitas laudatur & alget,
Criminibus debent Hortos, Praetoria, Mensas,
Argentum Vetus, & stantem extra Pocula caprum;
Et quando uberior Vitiorum copia, quando
Major Avaritiae patuit Sinus.*

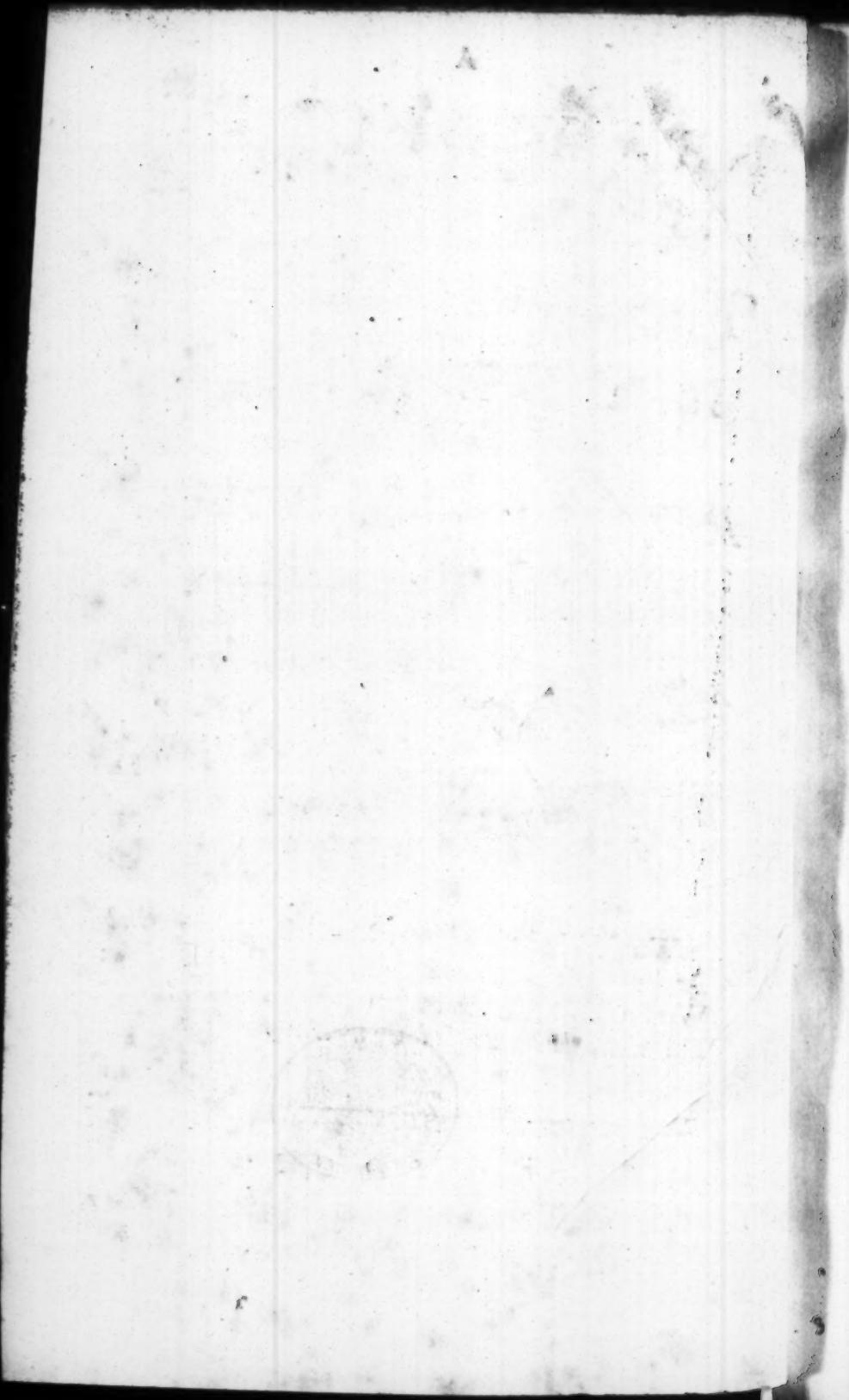
Juv. Sat. I.

Wou'd He judge better? or less fawcy grow?
And to the Throne even common Manners show:
Wou'd he Instruction from Abuse receive?
Bid him, *His own sad Character retrieve.*

Satirist, P. 6.

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LETTER

TO

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My L--d,

THIS Letter requires no Apology; much less any Pardon; but may rather expect a kind Reception and Thanks; as you will hereby receive the grateful Acknowledgment of *former Favours*, together with a Tender of my *future Service* and Respects to so deserving a Friend.

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When you have seriously perus'd the Contents, and ruminated well upon the Matter it treats of, with your second and third Thoughts, which usually carry with them the greater Energy and Advantage of Wisdom; sure I am, you will pay some Regard to the Author's *Proposal*, by indeavouring to promote his Interest, which seems now so much in your Power to establish. And, tho' perhaps, the Love of my old Master may in some Places have transported me too far from my Biass, yet I hope the Usefulness of what I have to say on such Occasions, will qualify the Remoteness of it.

I shall not take up your L---'s Time, in offering my Congratulations on your *late Disappointment*, as I am very sensible, it is the most lucky Incident that ever befel you. Suffice it for me to observe; This your providential Recess from a public and troublesome Employment, will afford you the fairer Opportunity of becoming *my Patron* a second

cond Time, and of convincing all Mankind That * *A true Statesman should have no private Views or Passions.* If I might be allowed to make any Reflections upon the Matter ; it would be no difficult Task for me to prove from hence, the Truth of an Assertion laid down in a late Pamphlet intitled *Miscellaneous Thoughts, &c.* for which Lord Fanny has been more than once condemned. It is there said under the Character of *Anthony* ; *He had power at Court without Favour, had but a small Share in Octavius's Friendship, or in his M----y's good Opinion.* Who wou'd not imagine this *Honourable Author* was endued with the Spirit of Prophecy ? or that he had found out the Art of penetrating into the Hearts of Princes ? to be able to foretel this remarkable Event, and to prove thereby, that the *discreetest Men* in the World, may be *sometimes deceived.*

But this, my L--d, is the common Fate of all great Undertakings. Few arrive at the Summit of Power at once. 'Tis an arduous

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Task,

* *Craftsman*, Vol. I. Page 133.

Task, a work of Labour and Time, in which great Dexterity, much Caution, and *some* Hypocrisy is required.

Illustrious Patron! pluck up your Spirits, exercise your happy Talents with more *political Dissertations*. Ransack the *Roman* and *English* History for fresh Materials, and doubt not of Success. From such a Fortitude of Mind, what Prospects of future Glory open to my View !

I am sensible, feelingly sensible of your L----'s great Abilities, having formerly had the Honour of being employed as a *Labourer* in your *Vineyard*. You, my L---d, brought in the *Grapes*; but it was my Business to *press* them, and to diffuse the *salutary Liquor* thro' the Multitude. The many Hazards I ran, the many Dangers I escaped on that Account, are notorious to the whole Kingdom.

I have still Courage to undertake, and Conduct to carry on the *noble Design*. I
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have the same Engines at work, and a new *Font of Caslon* at your Service, which I humbly hope will be no small Inducement towards restoring me again to your Favour and Protection.

With how much Reason and Justice may you at this Juncture pursue the *old Method of Defamation*, and inculcate the Lapses of your Enemies? Revenge the fatal Blow, my L---d, and supply with Calumny what is wanting in Reality. Is all your former Fire damped with a Title? Blaze forth again, my L---d, with double Fury. In the Height of your Vigour, when your Passions were strong and so full of Prejudice, as even to outdo Fire itself. A Gentleman well known both to me and your L-----p, labouring under a severe Fit of the *Gout*, had thrown himself upon a *Settee*, between two Pictures in his Dining-Room, *viz.* Sir *R. W.* on one Side, and the *City of Troy in Flames* on the other; A Tradesman attended for Instructions, and after Admittance, express'd some Concern at
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the Gentleman's Indisposition, but highly congratulated him for being so happily situated between two *Great Men*. The Gentleman surpriz'd, desir'd he would explain himself. Why said he, Sir, Is not that on your Right Hand Sir *R. W.*? Yes. And that on your Left Mr. *P-----y*? What do you mean by Mr. *P-----y*? it is a Representation of the *City of Troy in Flames*. I know it is, says the Tradesman, but I always fancy'd that Piece was mightily like Mr. *P-----y*, his *Ambition* and *Revenge*, his *Rage* and *Devastation*, &c. are exceedingly well represented therein. Are all those generous Passions dwindled into Fear and tacit Forbearance? Consider my L---d, we have now no *Treasury-Solicitor* to hunt or molest us: Nay, should any Reasons of State, or other future Emergency require, I have another *HAINES* in *petto*, who, by a few fair Promises, may at an Hour's warning be prevail'd upon to take the Burden off our Shoulders; and to suffer himself to be sacrificed, for our mutual Interest and Safety.

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Was it either decent, or consistent with good Manners, I would here give your L—p a short Compendium of all those *pretty Artifices*, and *harmless Contrivances*, you have for many Years past made use of, in order to attain that Greatness of which you are now possessed. That I am a *Man of Importance*, appears from my being so curious in collecting and preserving such precious Materials. That I am also a *Man of Intelligence* you must allow, from my being able to know the *true Sentiments* of some *Great Statesmen*, and to discover the *principal Topics* of private Conversation among *City Politicians*. I shall venture to give your L-----p a Specimen of my Knowledge in this *mysterious Science*, as I presume it will not be disagreeable, and may prove the Means of facilitating the Treaty now on the *Tapis* between us, and of singular Use towards the carrying of our Design into Execution.

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As soon as I was inform'd of the Death of your beloved *Friend*, Lord Fanny; I wrote to my Cousin *Liddy*, an old and favourite Servant in the Family; and one who had attended him in his last Moments, to let me know if her *Honourable Master* had ever in her hearing thrown out any *dying Words* relating to your L----p, or others. The poor Girl, who was always ready to furnish us with useful Intelligence from that Quarter, sent me the following very extraordinary Particulars by the next Post, which I here give you *verbatim* from the Original.

Dear Cousin,

THE Morning before my good Lord expired, a certain Clergyman of his Acquaintance, in whom he put great Confidence, came to his Bed-side, and among other Things, ask'd his Lordship, How far he was reconcil'd to the E--- of B---? Whether that strong Hatred he had so often express'd towards him still continued? Name him not, I hate him,

him, mortally hate him, says my L---d, more now than ever, and not him only, but all Men in Power, even from M----y itself, down to the meanest Court Pensioner.

My Honour and Interest have been sacrificed to the Spleen or Ambition of others, therefore I am determined, during Life, to meditate Revenge, to sow the Seeds of Sedition, and to shake the very Foundation of Government; nor shall my Resentment cease here, I will carry it beyond the Grave, and after Death leave behind me these Papers, which you only have perus'd, these dear, conceal'd, but living Embers, which when rak'd together, and supply'd with fresh Fuel by proper Incendiaries, shall be able to set the whole Nation on Fire, and create a general Disaffection: Neither the Obligations of Friendship, the Tyes of Gratitude, or the Fear of being accus'd with Perfidy and Breach of Trust, shall prevent me from executing this glorious Design.

" Hold, hold my L---d, says the Par-
" son! Consider you have therein villify'd
" your P----e, abus'd your Patron, nor has
" even your own Family escap'd Censure;
" besides, Sir, you can't be insensible, and
" I am well assur'd that those Memoirs
" were drawn up in Heat, abound with
" numerous Falsities, and will leave a
" Brand of Infamy upon your Memory,
" never to be obliterated."

No matter for Friends, Family, or Truth, reply'd my L--d, if I can but do Mischief I have my Ends, and shall think myself amply rewarded for all past Indignities; and as these, Sir, will be deem'd posthumous Works, so I shall not be answerable for them, nor for any future Reflections made thereon. The Person in whose Hands I will deposite them, may use his own Pleasure, and either add or diminish at Discretion.* * * * *

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the Brat falls to the Parish, nor will the Officer be accountable for its future well-doing. And whether this favourite Issue of my Brain shall hereafter enter into the Libraries of great Men, or be burnt by the Hands of the common Hangman, will be the same Thing both to me and to the adopted Father. My Glass is far spent, nor can I hope to survive many Days; and if those last Remains, like the Serpents Teeth which Cadmus sow'd, shall produce a Body of armed Malecontents, sufficient to excite Rebellion in the Kingdom, and to cause an universal Desolation; I shall go off with Pleasure, tho' I leave a Stink behind me. He then rail'd for half an Hour at your Honourable Friend's Hypocrsy; and added, I believe all those dishonest Measures, which he of late Years practis'd, were chiefly owing to the nocturnal Meetings he had with L---d B----g----ke; and concluded with saying, I really do not know any Thing, which can be produced in his Justification; unless, after he had deceiv'd his native Country, pulling off the Mask, and thereby deceiv-

ing himself, may, by some compassionate Gentlemen, be urg'd in his Favour. I know no more of the Matter, but am, Sir,

Your much obliged

and most obedient Servant,

LYDIA CULPEPER.

This, my L---d, may serve to shew how firmly you was rivetted in the *good Opinion* of that *Patriot*, who was *imagin'd* by all Parties to be a Person of Parts, Honour, and Integrity; and, one who made no mean Figure, either at the *Council Board*, in the *Senate*, or by his *publick Performances*. It would take up too much of your Time, and favour too strong of Flattery, to lay before you all the *Encomiums* which the *Literati* of this Age have paid to your Memory, as I am well assur'd they all fall far short of your Deserts. Permit me therefore to raise you up from this earthly Globe, and to place you above, near the *Epicurean* God, who is, as *Lucretius* affirms,

Sufficiens suis opibus, nihil indiga nostri;

And

And in this Respect, may be no improper Companion.

In that happy Situation I must leave your L----p, while I look back to some Observations, which are made upon your Conduct; and endeavour to wipe off those malicious Aspersions which are cast upon you, in Regard to your *Veracity*, your *Affection* for his present M----y, and your *exemplary Loyalty* to his R---l F---r; Because, I presume there is no Person who can boast of such *absolute Saintship*, *while he is among Mortals*, but there will now and then be some Actions committed by him, or some Words fall from him, which confess *Humanity*; and that some Leaves in the Volume of the fairest Life are, *legenda cum venia*. If this be a common Frailty, why should we fix such rigid Censures upon the Miscarriages of the Great? Why should we deny them the same Mildness which we are apt to use when we commiserate the Infirmities of other Men? But it is still more disingenuous to revive and pore upon
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a few bad Actions, which, perhaps, have been long ago expiated with many good ; as has been taken Notice of by a great Statist.

Iniqua in omni re accusandâ, prætermisso bonis, malorum Enumeratio, vitiorumque selectio, ne ullus quidem isto modo Magistratus, vituperabilis non erit. Pardon, my L---d, this serious Digression, which was so necessary for me to make before I enter'd upon the following Rehearsal. I have often heard you charg'd with meeting L---d B----ke, and a Set of *staunch Jacobites*, in *Durham Yard*, to concert Measures, how to irritate the People, and distress Government in the late Reign, by forging a *Lye* to pass upon the K---g and P-----t, concerning the Reparation of the Fortifications of *Dunkirk*. With the same Honour and Honesty, say they, you impos'd at that Time also upon your Prince, by telling him and the World, That an *Honourable Person* had said of the Heir of the Crown, *He should have his Drums and his Collars again*, as an adequate Satisfaction of what he might expect on the Reconciliation. These are some of the many Instances

stances brought to arraign your *Veracity*; All which I strenuously oppos'd, and insisted they were of little or no Weight, being told only in a jocose manner, neither *Intentione fallendi vel nocendi*; and therefore cou'd be deem'd no more than *Political Fibs*, which wou'd hereafter be put into the same bottomless Bag as *Jupiter* made for Lovers Assverations.

Perjuria ridet amantum.

There is another Article of Impeachment against your L----p, which, tho' I give no manner of Credit to, has caused me many *melancholy Hours*, and *much Uneasiness*. It is not only privately insinuated, but has within these few Days, been *positively affirm'd*, That your L----p lends a helping Hand towards the Support of a *certain Journal*, at this Time in mighty Vogue among the Disaffected. The Truth of this wicked Assertion, they pretend to prove, by comparing *those scandalous Papers* with some parallel Sentiments taken out of your *valuable Writings*,

Writings, by offering the following Paragraphs as unanswerable Arguments, and by making these *impudent Interrogatories*.

“ Was not your Honourable Patron’s Disrespect to his M----’s Person and Government, as strongly set forth *, in the Description of a weak and pusillanimous Monarch, the Ally of his Ministers, who liv’d under their Guardianship, and reign’d by Proxy? Has he not with the like Arrogancy † dictated to the K---g his Duty of governing, as if he was really to live under Guardianship, and to do nothing without the Advice of his Tutors? || Did he not draw an invidious Parallel between the Reign of a Prince, whom he represents as weak, arbitrary and avaritious, and his present M----y, in Colours too strong to suffer us to mistake? Has he not by numerous keen Hints from ancient History work’d up the severest Satyrs on the present Times? Neither Loyalty to the Person of your Prince or Respect to

* *Craftsman*, March 9, 1727-8. † Feb. 2, 1728-9.
|| March 1, 1728-9.

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" his *Dignity* as such, has been able to re-
 " strain you or your *Honourable Friends* from
 " throwing out *invidious Imnuendos*, which
 " tend to weaken the *Esteem*, and withdraw
 " the *Affections* of the People from their
 " *Sovereign*. Look back *Dick*, says a saucy
 " young *Whig*; to your * *List of Blockheads*
 " upon *Thrones*, where you first reproach
 " *Augustus* for his *paternal Affection*, and
 " then proceed.—*Caligula* was as remarkable
 " for playing the *Fool*, as for playing the
 " *Tyrant*, &c. *Nero* was an excellent *Bu-*
 " *foon*, took Delight in *Fidling*, *Dancing*,
 " and *Singing*, *blunder'd on Empire*, &c.
 " *Domitian* was famous for *playing the Fool*,
 " and render'd the *Roman Senate ridiculous*.
 " Under *Claudius* you shew how *august*
 " *Assemblies* were debas'd, the *People cor-*
 " *rupted*, &c. and conclude with congratu-
 " lating your *Countrymen* on that *happy Tem-*
 " *perament of Mind*, which is so *conspicuous*
 " in those *excellent Persons*, who are at the
 " *Head of Affairs.*" What a pretty Figure
 wou'd his L-----p cut with † *A KNOT OF*

* Feb. 22, 1734-5. † *Craftsman*, Vol. I. p. 225.

RIBBANDS UNDER HIS LEFT EAR, who is strongly suspected to vote for Gratuity, or other Court Influence; thereby to be distinguish'd as all other Animals are that are vendible, by some outward and visible Token, and as you may know a Horse that is to be sold, by a Piece of colour'd Ribband on the Bridle; or as the Courtezans in some Countries abroad are oblig'd to wear a Habit different from modest Women, so I would have all Persons, who prostitute their Voices for Hire, be oblig'd to wear an Ear-mark, that all People might know them as they walk along the Streets. Happy will it be for this Kingdom, when there shall be no other Distinction prevailing among us, but that of the KNOTTISTS and ANTI-KNOTTISTS! These are your H-----e Patron's Words,

————— Nec lex est justior ulla,
Quam Necis Artices, Arte perire suâ.

* Craftsman, Vol. I. p. 225.

When

When I read the following Advertisement, which certainly ought to be pasted up in all public Places under the famous Dr. Rock's Bills, I admire how your H-----e Friend could so lately apply for a Riband.

ADVERTISING.

* Craftsman, N° 57, Aug. 5, 1727.

N. B.

N. B. These new invented Court EAR
KNOTS will be expos'd to Sale all that
Time in *Westminster Hall*, the *Court of
Requests*, *Arlington-street*, *Piccadilly*; and
at most other public Places about Town;
where Gentlemen may be accommodated
with them, from Time to Time, made
after the *newest Fashion*, and at reasonable
Rates.

“ Can you hear this without *trembling*
“ at such *glaring Insolence*? without putting
“ up *Thanksgivings* for your *signal Deli-*
“ *verance*? and without blessing and prais-
“ ing the *Lenity* of that *happy Administra-*
“ *tion*?

“ From these and a thousand more *public*
“ *Insults* of the like Nature, Is it not de-
“ monstrable, that such *turbulent Spirits*
“ will endeavour to erect a *new Forge* and
“ *Bellows of Sedition*? in order to satiate
“ their Rage, that *Feind of Disappoint-
“ ment*; on their being baulk'd of the
“ Power

" Power which they had so much at Heart?
" and which they *had boasted*, cou'd so ea-
" sily be obtain'd? But thanks to his M---y's
" great Courage and Foresight: He has for
" once, and I trust will for ever defeat all
" Hopes of having the the *Treasure of the*
" *Kingdom* committed to the Care of such
" **VORACIOUS HARPIES.** This laudable Be-
" haviour of our *Royal Master* will remain an
" indelible Proof of his *paternal Love* and
" *Affection* for his *People*, may shew, that
" all your *vociferous Pretences* neither hide
" your Intentions, or hinder him from *pe-*
" *ntrating* into your *private Views*, and
" may at the same Time convince you,
" that he fears not your *Frowns*, values not
" your *Anger*, and laughs at your *Raillery*.

Confounded and thunderstruck with these
severe Reproaches, which I had not the Af-
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surance positively to deny, I thus, my L—d indeavoured to alleviate. Gentlemen, you are not, perhaps, so deeply read in *Politics*, as to be able to discover the true Motives which originally occasioned the Publication of the *Craftsman*. The Justification of *Civil Liberty*; the *Welfare of Religion* were intended thereby, and all *Infringements* upon our *most excellent Constitution* were carefully guarded against. If therefore, either thro' Passion or Prejudice, any rash Censures or *passionate Expressions* have casually heretofore drop'd from the Pen of this *H-----e Author*: They ought rather to have been long since buried in Oblivion, then to be now brought as Arguments of his ingaging in a *modern Libel evidently pointed* against M---y itself. Is it possible for a Person of his *Rank and Quality* to be guilty of such monstrous Ingratitude? who has so lately receiv'd such signal Favours from the K---g; as to be dignified with a P---ge, and to be left one of the L--ds of the R---y? Besides, Gentlemen, do you imagine he cou'd so soon forget with how

how much Care and Fidelity I had formerly served him? as to be prevailed upon either to trust or suffer any other Person of my Profession to print his Lucubrations?

*Quis nunc diligitur nisi conscient, & cui fervens
Æstuat occultis animus, semperque tacendis.*

Juv.

To this a grave Gentleman in Company answer'd, "I can't forbear smiling to hear you mention those two glorious Topics, " Civil Liberty, and the Welfare of Religion, which you have so long play'd with, " and practis'd upon, to keep the People uneasy and the Country divided. Now the World begins to open their Eyes: " Britons now see and are convinc'd that your Patriot aim'd at nothing but to force himself and his Dependents into Power and Places, and if he had succeeded in his last Efforts, he would certainly have misus'd his Power, and made us all poor and miserable: Because in the last Years of the late Queen's Reign, some of his Friends

" Friends and Companions made a fair Step
 " towards compleating our Ruin.—Ingrati-
 " tude I confess is a Crime of the *deepest Dye*,
 " and we should be very careful how we
 " taint the Character of any Person with this
 " *superlative Vice*, without manifest Evidence
 " of his Guilt: And yet there is not want-
 " ing in both *ancient* and *modern History*,
 " many Examples of such *daring Reprobates*.
 " Turn back, Mr. F----n to * a *Journal*
 " printed for you not many Years ago, and
 " you will find *somebody* libelling his S---n's
 " Administration when he was a P---y
 " C----r. As soon as you have read
 " over that Paper, which to be sure you
 " must have at Home, send me your Opin-
 " ion of the Person accus'd. The best
 " Argument you have brought in his Defence,
 " with Regard to the Journal abovemen-
 " tion'd is, its being printed for *Purser*. But
 " this Change of Hands might probably have
 " been concerted the more to *disguise* the
 " Author from the *Cognizance* of the Pub-
 " lic.—We are told, indeed by *No-body*,

* *Craftsman*, July 26, 1729.

" there

" there has been a late voluminous Perform-
 " ance father'd upon a wrong Person, and
 " the judicious Animadvertisers thereupon have
 " been * deem'd Guilty of wilful Murder,
 " from the precipitant Behaviour of an Ita-
 " lian Bravio, who stabb'd an innocent Man
 " in a Mask instead of his Rival. Now
 " there is certainly a very near Resemblance
 " between this unbaptis'd Brobdingnag and his
 " adopted Father; and whoever will give
 " himself the Trouble to look over the
 " Proceedings of our grand Tribunal at the
 " Old Bailey, may find many Instances of
 " Criminals being punish'd from strong Cir-
 " cumstances only; nay, some have suffer'd
 " Death from notorious bad Principles and
 " Likeness of Features. Upon the whole
 " Mr. F----n, was I to determine upon the
 " Case in Dispute, I should certainly give
 " it against your favourite Author; because
 " I well know there are no Bounds to be
 " set to Ambition and Avarice. All Persons
 " who are possess'd of these malignant
 " Qualities, tho' bleff'd with immense For-

* *Daily Advertiser*, Oct. 7, 1743.

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" tunes,

" tunes, and lavishly loaden with Royal Fa-
 " vours, have always a cursed Something
 " wanting to compleat their Happiness, as
 " is elegantly expres'd by the * Poet on
 " another Occasion.

— *Medio de fonte Lepōrum*
Surgit Amari aliquid, quod in ipsis Fontibus
angat,

Thus render'd by Mr. Dryden.

— *In the Fountain where the Sweets are*
sought,
Some Bitter bubbles up, and poisons all the
Draught.

I have been the more Particular in this Relation, that your L——p might judge what strange Notions many People have imbib'd concerning you. Your *severe Repulse* on a late Attempt has open'd the Mouths of some: But your Success therein must have expos'd you to the Censure of

* *Lucretius.*

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Multitudes. After so many solemn Declarations that you would never accept of either *Place or Pension*; your Tongue wou'd then have given your Heart the Lye, and rais'd a Civil War among the Members of your own Body. Ill Things, my L---d are easier done than defended, and you have play'd the Cards so ill, as to loose the good Opinion of every Partner you have ingaged with, excepting myself: In this abandon'd Situation, if we have any Thoughts of retrieving our Popularity, or of vindicating our Integrity, we have not one Moment's Time to loose, and must make some extraordinary Effort immediately. Improve the *Craftsman*, my L---d, that was always look'd upon as an excellent *Engine*. There retort all the ill Language and vile Insinuations which have been thrown out against you. Positively deny the Facts, Disperse *Pamphlets*, and *People* to read them, all over *Britain* with proper Instructions, to proclaim your own Innocence, and to hint at some new Scheme, ten Times worse than the late *Excise Bill*, or the hiring of new *Mercenaries*, those ever favourite Topics

with your L----p: Magnify the Expences of the last *Campaign*, deprecate his M----y's Courage and Conduct; represent the Victory of *Dettengen* as a most *wonderful Deliverance*, Then let us do all we can to shew the Danger and Folly of the War *abroad*, which will be sure to create some *Stirs* at home; and you well know all *Commotions* are in our Favour: For when all Things are confus'd, it is the *Devil's Holiday*; therefore *our Work-day*, and if we hope to *usurp* prosperously, we must take our Lesson from *Plautus*; *Idem facere, quod plurimi alii quibus Res timida aut turbida est, pergunt turbare usque, ut ne quid possit conquiescere.* Shou'd his M----y still continue diffident of your Integrity: Nay, tho' you have by some late inadvertent Steps, weaken'd your Interest among the *Citizens*, and less'n'd your Esteem with the *Whigs*. How easy is it for us to *rejoin* a *sinking Party*, Let us coax and cajole the *Tories* again, you know my L---d they are credulous and easy to be impos'd upon. Tell them you have made a new Alliance with *B-----ke*, and

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are determined *again* to oppose all the present Measures. Cook up some Dishes of this Kind to suit their *deprav'd* Appetites, and let me deliver out the *Bills of Fare*, I will venture to pawn my Word for their coming in a Body to your *Entertainment*; and for their bringing with them many *Converts*: When we have thus got them together, appoint a *Secret Committee*, to examine into their Grievances, Repeat to them the great Danger they are in of *losing their Liberties*; urge the Oppression of the Government, the many Hardships they labour under from those heavy Loads of Taxes now impos'd upon them to *enrich Foreigners*: And to make the Bait go down more glibly, add the *most solemn Protestations*, that it is the *Love of your Country only*, which you *have at Heart*, and that the *Wealth* of all the *Treasuries in Europe* should not bribe you to act any Thing to *your own*, or to their Prejudice. By these and such like specious Assurances the *dying Faction* will revive, will multiply like *Hydra's Head*, and once more become the

the Terror of Great Britain.* *Fuit hæc
in omnibus seculis & adhuc est ad occupandum
Tyrannidem expeditissima via, dum summo se
amore & Pietate in Patriam esse simulant;
Principum Vitia & Populi Miseriam, apud
suos primum deinde palam quæribundâ Voce
lamentantur, non quò Plebem, cuius solius Com-
modis inserviri videri volunt, ab illo servitutis
Jugo afferant in Libertatem, sed quò popu-
lari Aurâ subnixi, Aditum sibi & Januam
ad eam ipsam Dignitatem nequiora aliquando
ausuri putefaciant.*

It cannot easily be imagin'd of what singular Importance the aspersing and blotting of the Government is to boyle up popular Discontent. Therefore if the PRINCE is severe, give him NERO's Brand, if bold and enterprizing, call him rash and precipitate ; if he be of Parts and Contrivance, call it pernicious Ingenuity ; and because there is no Virtue so equilibrious, but must have some Flexure to one of the Extremes, we must be very careful to publish the Extreme

* Barclay contra Monarch, 30.

alone,

alone, and to silence the Virtue. And if it should so happen, as the **** and *his Masters*, by Carriage of extraordinary Innocence, have vindicated themselves from Obloquy, which is scarcely possible, if we rightly improve small Inadvertencies; then let us pursue the Advice of *Machiavel*, calumniate stoutly till the People have entertain'd something to their Prejudice, not forgeting it is a *Figure in Politicks*, to make every Infirmitiy a Fault, and every Fault a Crime, till the People be dispos'd to Alteration; nor will it be amiss to urge these against ***** itself, as it will be a Cause of alienating the Affections of his Subjects, and of procuring a general Innovation.

But lest your L——p shou'd accuse me of Impertinence for presuming to preach up such Doctrine to one, who by long Practice and Experience, is become a thorough Proficient therein. It may not be improper in this Place to communicate the principal Motives which have induc'd me thereto.

1. I did it, my L--d to remind you of those Principles which you have publickly profess'd to be the best Precedents for both yourself, and for all *true Patriots* to walk by.

2. I did it, to convince your Enemis that you are still consistent with yourself, that you will never suffer your own *avow'd Principles* to rise in Judgment against you ; and to observe how nicely your *present Actions* tally with your *former Professions*.

3. I did it, to set forth the partial Behaviour of some *great Personages* towards one, who stood firm to them in their *greatest Necessities*, and who had Reason to expect more signal Marks of their Friendship.

Lastly, I did it to demonstrate my Qualifications, to shew my Zeal for your Service ; to instigate your Revenge, and to promote my own Interest.

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You have told us, * *That immense Riches alone, are a sufficient Proof of Guilt*; and in reflecting upon the many Methods by which a State may lose its Liberties, you add, † *That all national Misfortunes are owing to one Original Source, which is, when every Individual is continually employing on Means of obtaining to himself WEALTH, POWER, PREFERMENT and TITLES, instead of advancing the Welfare of his Country.* It was from such wholesome Considerations, that in all your Remonstrances, Papers and Declarations, you have made the *Liberties of the People* your Banner and Standard, for which you have contested, and now my Lord it appears to the World that you meant so indeed. Can any thing be more open or ingenuous than the following Paragraph. || *It is a Labour more difficult than any which Hercules overcame, to prove there is any Malignity in a good Place, or that any Actions can be unjust, or any Arguments invalid, which are supported and enforc'd with*

* *Craftsman*, Vol. I. p. 144. † p. 225. || p. 126.

the Rhetoric of a thousand Pounds a Year.

I cannot, I dare not presume, there is any *Ironical Meaning couch'd under those Words*; and as *no Strength of Corruption* has been hitherto able to alter your Sentiments, let no Craft or Policy of Man hold you longer in Suspence from creating *new Troubles*, or from bringing about a second, and *more prosperous Revolution*, lest you shou'd be brought into the miserable Condition of being left to the Mercy of those you have despis'd, serving only as a *Pillar of Salt*; warning all Men, to beware how they forsake their *just Principles*, or neglect their *firm and fastest Friends*, and thereby let slip Opportunities of *doing good*, for any distant Allurements in the Word.

Those who will take the Pains to make Reflections upon what has happen'd in *England*, within these sixteen Years, will with me grant, that if sad Experience had taught us to be wise, we had never been brought

brought into our present melancholy Situation. My Life, Fortune, and Paper, have always been at your L———p's Disposal: Nay, to my certain Knowledge, the very *Champion of public Writers*, has more than once *personally sollicited* for a Commission under your L———p: By such a formidable Alliance, what Wonders might not have been perform'd? This Scheme, timely executed, wou'd have turn'd out more to our Advantage than the long labour'd *Coalition*: Thus we might have acted *offensively* against the Enemy, and have oblig'd their weaken'd Forces to retire into Holes and hiding Places; especially now their *Great Commander is retir'd from all public Affairs. General Court-Evil has laid down his Commission, and Madam Osborne is condemn'd to perpetual Banishment.* What a favourable Opportunity was here lost of gaining *universal Empire*, and of satiating your L———p's Thirst after Glory? Whence cou'd this ill Conduct proceed? From *Folly, Self-sufficiency, or Avarice?*

But, no more. Be silent, *Richard*, for ever silent on this mournful Occasion !

If we have been so weak, or so blind as not to think of opposing the *Enemies Designs*, till it was too late ; we can only impute our Misfortunes to ourselves, and must for once sincerely own, that if we now undergo the Punishment of our *Credulity* and Imprudence, it is a Punishment we have richly deserv'd.

You may perhaps imagine that your *high Station* has set you above the Reach of Scandal ; and that you are Proof against all the Artillery of *Scribblers* : But was you as invulnerable as *Homer's Hero*, some daring *Paris* wou'd venture to attack you ; and might throw out Words to wound your Character, even in the most tender Part, if you neglect or refuse to fight him at his own *Weapons*. No Grandeur can preserve you from such Assassins, since your L----p has allow'd and asserted, * *that the Liberty*

* *Craftsman*, Feb. 13, 1730-31.

of the Press *wou'd be a Priviledge of no Advantage to us, if we were not allow'd the Liberty of censuring the Conduct of Men in Power, whenever we think their Measures deserve it ; and if we have asserted no Fals-hoods, we have only exercis'd the natural Right of every Free Briton.* Sure I am, my L---d, I have taken all imaginable Care to keep within the Compass of this *golden Rule* ; having herein recorded Facts only, which from my own Knowledge, as well as the Knowledge of others, I was able to prove the Truth of. What I have mention'd to be the Subjects of common Conversation, were by me look'd upon as common Fables, and have been answer'd by the strongest Arguments I was capable of producing.

It is the *evil Effects* which may proceede from your L---p's *licentious Position*, which I thought worthy my Fear, and of your L---p's Consideration ; that you might make Inquiry from what *evil Influence* they might proceed, and that timely

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Preventives might be applied, before the Malady grew too powerful. I am surpris'd to think to what wicked Ends some People can wrest your *political Maxims*, and how they can expect to be allow'd those *Indulgencies*, which were originally design'd only, to ease the Minds and to salve the *scrupulous Consciences* of *aspiring Politicians*

Weigh well, my L—d, the *Nature* of the *Scheme* I have herein laid before you ; consider the *Necessity* of speedily putting it into Practice : The Enemy has gather'd Strength every Day since your L——p and your Troops withdrew, both by raising fresh Recruits, and by forming new Alliances : In the mean Time my Forces have insensibly diminish'd, either out of Compliment to you, or for want of Pay.

You, my L—d, have the *Sinews* of this *Paper War* in your Hands, and the *Art of it* in your *Head*; 'tis therefore in your Power only, to make us prosecute it with Vigour, or oblige us tamely to submit to such Conditions

ditions of Peace, as shall be impos'd upon us by the haughty Conquerors : Shou'd the last prove our Case, which Heaven avert, I tremble to think of *my* ensuing Fate, who have made these solemn Professions of my steady Attachment to *your Person* and Interest. I shall be surrounded with Numbers, batter'd on every side, destitute of Assistance, at length taken Prisoner ; and either condemn'd to the * *Gallies*, or forc'd to take up Arms against those from whom I had good Reason to expect Supplies : Nor cou'd your L-----p blame me for making Choice of the latter Evil, to preserve myself from perpetual Slavery. If then you are resolv'd to shut your Eyes against the pleasing Prospect of *supreme Power*, which I have offer'd to your View, and which might be so easily obtain'd ; if you are resolv'd to make me miserable, by *experiencing* the Consequences of your Supineness ; if you have steel'd your Heart against Pity ; if neither the Ties of Friendship or Honour can prevail upon you to return, and to pursue the

* Utensils in the Printing House.

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Measures I have propos'd: Even supposing all this, and more if possible; I am confident you will not refuse to comply with my next Request, lest *I also shou'd be subpœna'd, as a living Evidence of your Ingratitude.*

Not long ago, thro' my Interest, your L——p * made a Visit to the *upper Regions*, where no doubt you had an Audience of the all-powerful *Jupiter*. The Occasion of this airy Journey, as near as I can remember, was to *bilk* some *book-learn'd Aldermen*, who had presum'd to impeach your *Morality, &c.* to keep you out of the Way, while the Articles exhibited against you were read, and the Merits of the Causē were fairly argued.

Since your L——p's Return, I have had the Pleasure of spending an Evening with my old Friend Mr. ————— *your Secretary*, who inform'd me of some useful Particulars, in Regard to my present Ease, as well as to my future Happiness. He told

* See Page 7.

me, that notwithstanding L--d *Fanny's* pollute Behaviour to your L----p, during his Abode on *Earth*: He never strenuously oppos'd your being admitted among the less *happy*, when you attempted to claim Acquaintance with him in the other World: But that the Deity, to whom I had recommended you, was tolerably civil; furnish'd you with proper Attendants and Equipages, to see Rarities or to pay Visits, wherever your Fancy directed, and at parting, observ'd your *Self-sufficiency* alone, had recommended you to him; whereas, his *Epicurus* was inspir'd with *more excellent Qualities*. What gave me the greatest Satisfaction in this *wonderful Relation* was, his assuring me that your L----p, by the Assistance of *Mercury*, had setteld a Literary Correspondence with the *prime Minister* there; and that you had receiv'd two or three Expresses of Importance, from above, already. I shall wave all other Circumstances of his Narration, till a more seasonable Opportunity; to build my Hopes of Security upon this last solid Foundation.---Our old Friend Mr. *Lilly*,

has laid down this among his general Rules; (*viz.*) *Ex. DO semper faciunt SI,* which Words in their political Sense may be construed thus, *Ex DO;* from the Word I give, *semper faciunt,* they always make, or rather deduce; *SI* the Word *IF*----- Many Honourable Persons, *an't like your L----p,* have fill'd up this Break of the Grammarians, with *IF it is for my own Interest, IF I can get by it, &c.* But as there are *some living Exceptions* to this Rule, and lest the Latitude here given shou'd be thought to extend to every Individual, lest herefrom Sentences should be form'd to suit the most *fordid Inclinations;* I am for having the Sense hereof confin'd to the moral Meaning of our *English Proverb; One good Turn deserves another.* This Construction is founded upon Reason and the Law of Retaliation, which all the honest Part of Mankind will agree to, and none but the most abandon'd can offer to dispute.

Now to the Point in Hand. Your *L----p* cannot be unmindful of the many *good Offices*

Offices I have done you ; the last of which is sufficient to recommend me to your Favour, and may, *which happens very luckily for me*, be speedily return'd *without any Expence* ; provided your L----p will but take upon you the Trouble of *signing* a Petition I have now by me ready drawn up ; and of forwarding it by the first Return of the Post to your Friend *in Nubibus*.

Weary and ashame'd of human Shape ; conscious of my own Guilt ; shock'd at the dreadful Storm impending over me ;---diffident of your Return now you breathe the Fragrance of a Cabinet, tortur'd with ill boding Apprehensions, despairing of Mercy, and destitute of all Friends but your L---p ; I have in the most moving Terms, implor'd my Father *Jupiter* to transform me into some inanimate Being, that I may be insensible of my own Misery, deaf to the Cries of my own Countrymen, who have suffer'd thro' my Means, and out of the Reach of those *Right Honourable Persons*,

to whom it is impossible for me here to make any suitable Satisfaction.

The Pangs I feel from these crabbed Cogitations have made me careless of *Life*, ready and willing to dispose of it immediately, if made subject to the same *Proviso*, which some necessitated Gentlemen cautiously insert in Conveyances, when they let out their Estates on Annuities, to be redeemable at *Pleasure*. In this lifeless Station, my L--d, I will hold fast my Integrity ; and that I might be made as useful to you as possible, I have therein earnestly pray'd to be metamorphos'd into your L----p's *Close-stool*, which, from the *Protuberance* of your *Hypochondria*, I humbly conceive, to be the only favourite *Utensil* belonging to your Bed-chamber : Thus I, who have receiv'd the *Excrements* of your *Brain* for fifteen Years, shall then by way of Pennance receive the *Excrements* of your *Body* for fifteen Years more, shou'd you so long live ; at the Expiration of which Term, I am very positive your L----p will be a weary of all Mankind.

kind, as all Men are of your L——p at this Day. The pleasing Thoughts which hourly occur, from the Certainty I have of your L——p's Intercession for me above; the Hopes of being admitted so near your Person, the Honour I shall receive from your *private Conversation* at proper Seasons, are great Mitigations of my present Grief; and at certain Intervals give me Joy inexpressible.

I have introduc'd this Scene, my L—d, to give you a Sketch of my Invention, a Qualification absolutely necessary for every *Journalist*, who hopes for Success, either when his Patron sleeps, or whenever he is at a Loss for public Amusement.

But it is the System of Politics laid before you in this Letter, which I shou'd more earnestly recommend to your L——p's Approbation, as you have not yet *pursued the late M——r to Destruction*, or been able to procure for yourself those Places of Power which your very Soul so long thirsted after.

after. Is your former Courage dwindled into Cowardice? or your Principles of *Resistance* into those of *Passive Obedience*? Is there Virtue enough in a *Coronet only* to fix the *Inconstant*? to turn *Fury* into Forbearance, or to silence the *Possessor*?

Never let it be said my L--d, that he who to *bis immortal Honour*, had supported an Opposition against the Government for many Years, shou'd now tamely submit to those very Measures he so vehemently oppos'd; for a *Star* on his Side, and a *Picture* on his Coach. Such Baubles might serve to please Children, but are Rewards too trivial for your L----p's known Merit. Are you to be caught with a gilded Fly? and your Dependants to be made the laughing-stock of the Populace?

If your L----p imagines we shall run greater Risques, or be subject to more Inconveniences, by pursuing the old Method in my Journal, at this Time, than we were formerly; I must desire you to take this

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Consideration along with you. There are many *Dangers* which we cannot avoid, but by incurring *greater*: “The leaping out of “a Chamber-Window when the Stair-case “is on Fire, is a prudent Election, under “a calamitous Necessity, of choosing the “least Evil of the two, and the *great Danger* of the leap is warranted by the *greater Danger* of the Fire.” Now it happens my L---d, that we have no other Chance before us, but either to suffer the highest Degree of *Shame* and *Disappointment*, or of prostituting our *Consciences* for the obtaining our *Ends* and bettering our *Fortunes*. Under such a Necessity as this, let the Prospect of Things be never so terrible, we are to oppose our *present Interest* to all the Duties of *Christians*, of *Subjects*, and of *honest Men*. Our *Zeal* and *Loyalty* for the Government must never fly abroad, till it can be mounted upon *Wings*, adorn’d with *silver* and *golden Feathers*, unless for every *loyal Sentence* so much *Money* is paid down, or so many *Places* are conferr’d as may recover the Writer’s Spirits, that he may indite and publish his

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Journal with greater Eagerneſs and Aſſurance the Week following. Is it a Thing unbecoming, or irreligious to exercise those ſuperior Talents with which God has indu'd us, without a *promis'd Maintenance or Salary?* or without Respect to Things that are ſordid and temporal? Do the C---y pursue this Method? I am, and your L----p is alſo, very far from this Opinion, I do in no wife think it immoral or unbecoming, or that the Care for a great Estate, and for a large Share of Power deserve the Epithets of *ſordid* and *ambitious*. We know that Men's Minds are grown more carnal and sensual than ever: That Riches and Power are the only God's ador'd here, and that the Man who can show a good Face, fifty thouſand Pounds in Bank Bills, and a landed Estate of ten thouſand Pounds *per An.* ſhall gain more Respect and Honour than *Virtue* herſelf, if ſhe appears *naked*. Alas! my L---d, we have very few Philosophers among us, who will admire *Wisdom in Rags*. 'Tis very neceſſary therefore, that we as well as our Patrons ſhou'd enjoy Plenty of Riches,

Riches, because it will gain us Respect from our Readers, who on this Consideration only, will more easily yield up their Hearts to our Impositions ; and because we can then give greater Incouragement to our *Mercenaries*, who when they are not liable, by ill Fortune and the Crosses of the World to have their Studies interrupted, will more vigorously pursue the glorious *Design* of making their *Countrymen* happy.

*Prima ferè Vota, & cunelis notissima Templis,
Divitiae ut crescant, ut Opes, ut maxima toto
Nostra sit Arca Foro.*

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Nothing, perhaps, has more fatally betray'd the *Cause of Liberty*, in which we were engag'd, than the not sufficiently attending to this one *important Point*; by which some of our *Champions*, have been inadvertently led to mistake their Ground, and to turn their Weapons against us. A Conduct, which has not only given the Advantage to our profess'd Enemies, but has depriv'd us, by its strange Representations,

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tions, of many ; who might, if they had been *properly retain'd*, and introduc'd to our Acquaintance, have prov'd among the heartiest of our Friends ; for it is, I am too sensible, very much owing to those *false Notions* of your L-----p's *unbounded Avarice*, and to the being unhappily taught and encourag'd to allow themselves in doubting your *Generosity* at first, that so many contract this *popular Opinion*, and are led rashly to indulge a *Habit* which they can never afterwards get clear of, and which I am afraid is too much our Case at present.

It grieves me to the Heart to behold among our former *Assistants*, a grey headed Gentleman, profound in Learning, deep read in Politics, and exact in History ; after many Years Toil and Labour, oblig'd to shut himself up all Day in a *Garret*, and in the Evening creep into some paltry *Ale-house*, to be made the Companion of Chairmen and Porters ; while others are drowning their Misery, and destroying Nature with *Liquid Fire*

Fire, railing at and cursing your L——p, for inculcating in them such pernicious Principles as tended to their Destruction. Such imprudent Usage towards *Veteran Troops*, grossly reflects upon the *Generals themselves*; but much more upon those *Officers*, under whom they were enlisted, and to whom they have been serviceable. I wou'd have them all rewarded, my L——d, not extravagantly, but each according to his Merit. We have a living Example before us of such Conduct, in a R——t H——ble Person, who, tho' he has been ever deem'd a bitter Enemy to our Society; *To give HIM his due*, was always *grateful* to his *Friends*, and for his *Liberality* and *Beneficence* to all his *Dependents*, will be ador'd by latest Posterity. 'Tis a wise Custom in our *Sea Commanders* to give *some Share* of the *Prize* taken, to *every Sailor* on Board who survives the Engagement; by which Means, they may with greater *Show of Justice*, sink the Bulk of the *Wealth* into their *own Pockets*. This Method may not

be improper for us to practice among our
new Allies.

Here, my L—d, I cannot avoid taking Notice of *another principal Cause* of the present prevailing Disposition and Turn of Mind in the *Many* to your Prejudice. Among all the laboured Performances of *our worthy Set of Patriots*, no regular System of Government has been laid down, and stedfastly adher'd to by *any one of them*. Their Opinions differ'd at first setting out, and remain unsettled to this Day. The Reader is left as much in the dark as they found him, and all the Benefit and Advantage he receives thereby is to be furnish'd with a *Common Place-Book* of Noise, Calumny and Detraction. In one Place we are told that *our ancient Constitution* was the most amiable, we hear the *Revolution* zealously decry'd, and a *new Revolution* advis'd. Then they complain that the King's *Prerogative* is too far extended, even to an unreasonable Degree, and yet *modestly* desire that the *Exercise* of it, may be solely intrusted to *them*, and

and make use of every *Art* to procure it. Anon, the *Sufferings* of the *People* are loudly complain'd of, and every *Period* rings with *Liberty*. The ***** is represented as a Tyrant, and the M-----r as a Traytor to his Country. I mention this with great Regret, as I am very sensible it is a Consequence, of which your L-----p had no Apprehension, and which was far from your Intention in the Establishment. Your Design was, no doubt, salutary, laudable; and instructive; but give me Leave to repeat it: This Scheme, as it was then manag'd, and as it has been since apply'd; in the Event, proves more fatally injurious to the *Cause of Liberty*, and more instrumental to the unhinging of Government, than any that either the Art or Malice of its worst Enemies cou'd ever have invented. A strong Instance of human Frailty. When the ablest Masters of Knowledge among the most refin'd *Politicians* have laid their Heads together, on Purpose to forward a happy *Coalition*, and after all, can give no better Account of their Success

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herein, than that the Cause goes still the backwarder for all their Labour, and that it is much easier to *excite* a Spirit of Disaffection than to *satisfy* it. Nor is it, perhaps, a very difficult Matter to trace the Ground of this Mistake, and to shew whence this strange Oversight unfortunately sprung. We having often experienc'd the vast Force and Energy of L---d B-----ke's Genius on many Occasions, soon became his ravish'd Votaries. We exalted him to so high a Degree of Dignity and Reputation, and found his capacious Force in so many Emergencies, that it is no great Wonder, if our grateful Deference to so great a Benefactor, grew at last into Adoration itself, and blinded us by a sort of implicit Faith, to rely on his single Opinion, then taught us at last to idolize the *fancied Deity*. Hence we began fondly to imagine that his Judgment was *infallible*, and that there was no Design too hard, no Object too great for his extensive Cognizance. A Compliment, how much too high for the Person, and how absurd in its Consequences, may appear from the many

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Errors we have been led into thro' his Means, and from the great Disregard which has been shewn to us and to our Fraternity, on account of those unpopular and dangerous Principles, which are interspers'd among his Writings, and which were publish'd under your Patronage, which have produc'd an incoherent Medley of Inconsistency and Contradiction, enough to make void all *Charters of British Liberty*: For what can be said in Behalf of a *Grant*, when the very Terms themselves, as laid down by us, absolutely contradict the Substance of the Concession. But, my L--d, I will carefully avoid those Rocks we have already split upon, I will retain no *overbearing Advocate*, whose *Will* shall be *Law*, in this hazardous and uncertain Pursuit; wherein shou'd we fail a second Time of Success, the Consequence will be fatal, and our Fate irrevo-cable.

Let it be my Busines, therefore, to bring in *Volunteers* to your Assistance, as future Occasion may require: Suffer none of the
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Prigs of the Pen to approach your L----p, especially the *City Gl---r*, he has *dirty Hands* and a *scabby Heart*. Nor shou'd we receive *Paul Cade* into our Alliance, tho' 'tis true he has Talents, yet *want of Manners* makes him nauseous. The *Scotch Greyhound* and *Esquire Tyler* must also be postpon'd for the present, and the *latter*, has really some valuable Qualifications, which he derives from the good Lady, his Great-Grandmother at *Battersea*, and which he has improv'd at *Mugwell Hall*, and play'd off pretty successfully throughout this opulent City; even the R----y F----y has not escap'd him: On which account it, perhaps, might not be imprudent to let him perform a *certain Operation* upon your L----p at the *old Gentlewoman's Country House*, as soon as Season and Circumstances permit.

There is another Person, who as I before hinted, had address'd your L----p on this Occasion, and was one whose Abilities seem'd to me very promising at first Sight; but

but upon taking some Pains to peep a little more strictly into his Nature; I soon perceiv'd him to be a *frothy Compound* of Noise, Arrogance and Presumption, one who is never constant in preserving what is committed to his Charge, and therefore cannot be a *Friend*.

When Persons of your great Rank have condescended to shew any Tokens of Familiarity to such Men; I have often observ'd very mischievous Consequences to ensue. They are ever boasting by what particular Marks of Esteem they have been distinguish'd, intimating thereby their own great Merit and Importance: At length running headlong into excessive Vanities and Foibles, make themselves appear odious and contemptible in the Eyes of all People of good Sense and Breeding.

Not long ago I step'd into a Coffee-house
near the *Royal Exchange*, where the Person
abovemention'd was reading a *Letter* to

some Gentlemen, which, he either had, or pretended to have, receiv'd, from your L----p. So fondly vain was He of this Favour, that by the Contrivance of an *arch Wagg* then present, it was expos'd to the View of every Mortal that came in, and I doubt not but it has been *read*, and *commited* upon by Thousands, before this Day. This *Sbeer* --- Author is as remarkable for his Morality as for his Writings; and very likely might wait upon your L-----p, to squeeze out three or four Pieces for doing, what he has lately offer'd to do for me, at the Price of three or four Half Crowns.

But why shou'd I give your L----p so much Trouble, on account of this trivial Disappointment? The *Dignified Clergyman*, to whom we heretofore offer'd an extraordinary Salary, has lately paid his Compliments to me, and says, tho' he cou'd not in Conscience oppose the late M----r, whose personal Merit was so unexceptionable, He will

will now enter the Lists at half Price. The Treaty of *Worms* has nettled him, the Usage he has met with from the *arrogant Successor*, has so much alter'd his former Sentiments, that he seems to deserve the Title of a *British*, if not of a *Christian Hero*. He has in private Conversation thrown out some *Anathema's* against the present Ad----st---n, gives a good Foretaste of his admirable Abilities, has publish'd some *extempore* Letters in my Journal ; and if I have any Judgment in political Affairs, will turn out much to our Advantage.

Thus, my L---d, I have laid before you the *Plan itself*, the proper Method of pursuing it with Safety : I have also pointed out those Instruments which ought to be avoided, in full Expectation of having the sole Management under my Care and Direction ; which is the highest Ambition of him, who, to be as witty as other *modern Writers*, is my L---d, THE FIRST OF MEN, who
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has thus publickly made you the Compli-
ments of the Season; and who has ventur'd,
in this Manner, to subscribe himself,

Your L———p's,

most obliged

most obedient,

R——l St——t,
Jan. 1, 1743-4. and most devoted Servant.

R——d F——n.

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